

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to the Examiner's advice and instructions, for which applicants are grateful, the original claim set has been cancelled in its entirety. New claims 21-31 are added. These claims correspond to the claims that were submitted in the amendment of August 21, 2006, and also reflect (1) the cancellation of original claim 20, and (2) the addition of the cancelled material to the end of each of claims 21 (former claim 1) and 29 (former claim 17). As discussed during the interview, there is no longer any claim corresponding to prior claims 9-16. For clarity, the following chart illustrates the correspondence between the claims of August 21, 2006 and the present claims:

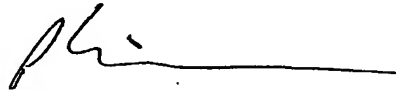
Claim on 8-21-06	Corresponding Claim Today
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17	29
18	30
19	31
20	(Added to indep. claims)

Because the subject matter of the independent claims is identical to the subject matter of claim 20, which was already said to be allowable, it is submitted that a new search is not required and the claims are allowable per the Office Action dated October 9, 2007.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request that the application be passed to issue. If in the opinion of the Examiner a further telephone conference is needed for any reason, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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